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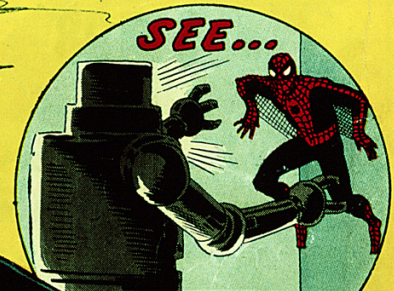
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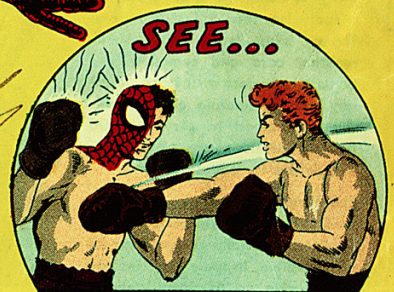
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SPECIAL "TRIBUTE-TO-TEEN-AGERS" ISSUE!!



SEE...
SPIDER-MAN VERSUS
"THE LIVING
BRAIN!"



SEE...
PETER PARKER'S FIGHT
WITH FLASH
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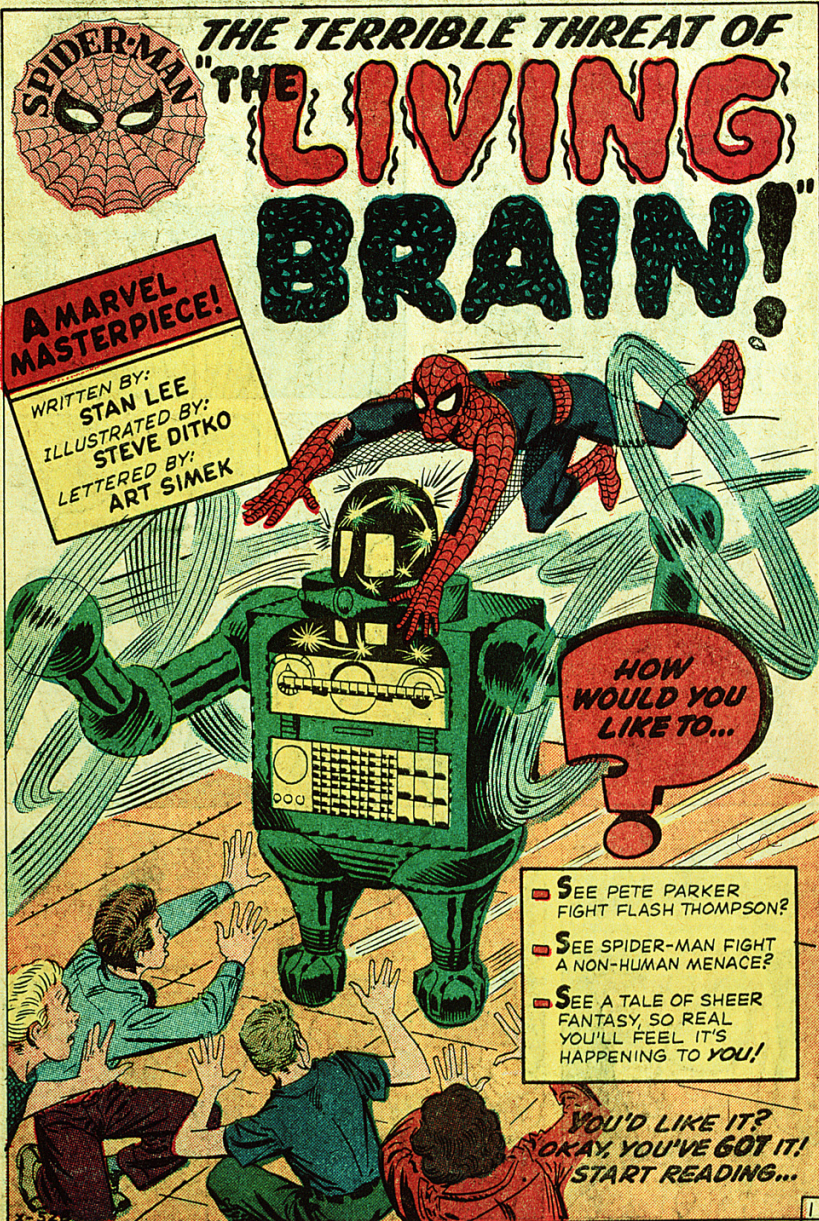
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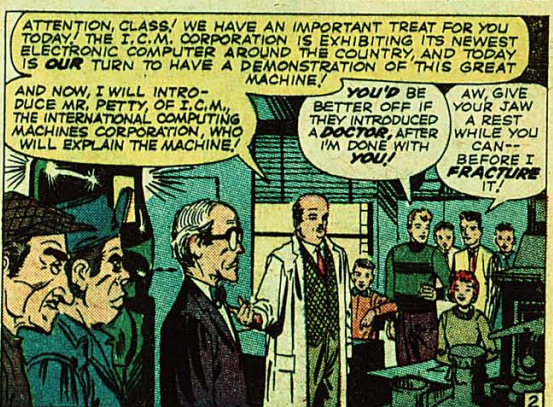
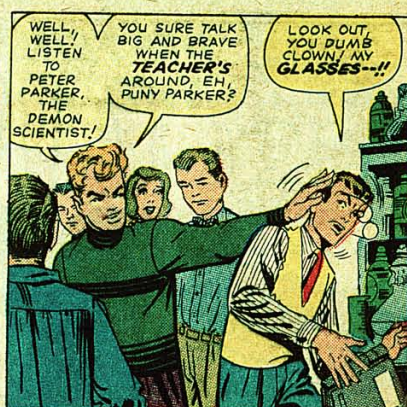
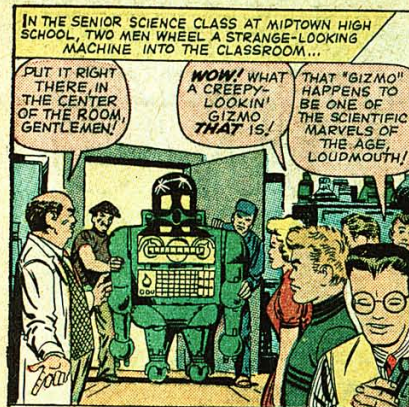
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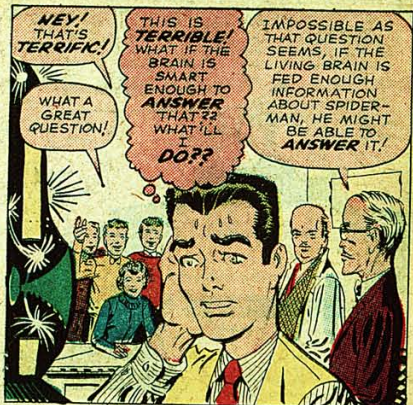
WHAT SHOULD WE ASK THE BRAIN??

GOSH, I DON'T KNOW! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SEARCH ME?? GOT ANY IDEAS, LIZ?

YES! I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING EVERYBODY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW! LET'S SEE HOW SMART THE BRAIN REALLY IS...

WHAT IS SPIDER-MAN'S REAL IDENTITY??



HEY! THAT'S TERRIFIC!

WHAT A GREAT QUESTION!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! WHAT IS THE BRAIN SMART ENOUGH TO ANSWER THAT?? WHAT'LL I DO??

IMPOSSIBLE AS THAT QUESTION SEEMS, IF THE LIVING BRAIN IS FED ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT SPIDER-MAN, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER IT!



AND SO, THE CLASS CALLS OUT ALL THE FACTS THEY CAN THINK OF ABOUT THE COSTUMED MYSTERY MAN...

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HE'S BEEN SIGHTED IN THE FOREST HILLS AREA A LOT!

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IF YOU ASK ME, HE'S A NEUROTIC NUT!



THEN, AFTER ALL THE AVAILABLE FACTS HAVE BEEN GATHERED, PETER FEEDS THEM TO THE BRAIN IN THE FORM OF MATHEMATICAL SYMBOLS...

I'VE REDUCED ALL THE KNOWN INFORMATION ABOUT SPIDER-MAN TO A FORM WHICH THE BRAIN CAN ABSORB, S-SO HERE GOES!

DON'T BE NERVOUS, PARKER! WITH ALL THE FACTS YOU'RE FEEDING IT, THE BRAIN HAS A VERY GOOD CHANCE OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF SPIDER-MAN'S REAL IDENTITY!



I KNOW IT! THAT'S WHAT I'M NERVOUS ABOUT!!

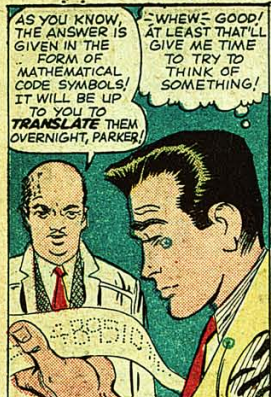


UH OH! THE BRAIN IS SIGNALLING! THE ANSWER IS READY, BOY! SURE DIDN'T TAKE LONG!



VERY WELL, PARKER! AS YOU CAN TELL BY THAT WINKING LIGHT, THE ANSWER IS READY FOR YOU! YOU MAY TAKE IT NOW!

YES, SO I SEE! I-I'LL GET IT...



AS YOU KNOW, THE ANSWER IS GIVEN IN THE FORM OF MATHEMATICAL CODE SYMBOLS! IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO TRANSLATE THEM OVERNIGHT, PARKER!

WHEW! GOOD! AT LEAST THAT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING!



MEANTIME, THE TWO ATTENDANTS ARE MAKING PLANS OF THEIR OWN...

THEN WE'LL MAKE A DEAL? FORTUNE OUT OF IT AND SKIP TO SOME OTHER COUNTRY!

IT'S A DEAL! WE GET WE STEAL THE BRAIN!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT...

LET ME HAVE THAT PAPER, PARKER! YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING SO VALUABLE! I'LL DECODE IT!

GET YOUR GRUBBY HANDS OFF THIS THOMPSON! YOU COULDN'T DECODE YOUR OWN NAME UNLESS SOMEONE SELLERD IT OUT FOR YOU!



YOU HEARD ME, BIRDBRAIN! GIVE ME THAT PAPER!

WELL, WELL! SO THE WORM TURNS, EH? AND IN YOUR CASE, I DO MEAN "WORM"!



ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO! BREAK IT UP-- AND I MEAN RIGHT NOW!

YES SIR!

SORRY, MISTER WARREN!



I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU TWO FOR A WHILE NOW! IF YOU BOTH ARE SUCH ENEMIES, I SUGGEST YOU SETTLE YOUR FEUD ONCE AND FOR ALL-- IN THE GYM!

IT'S A DEAL!

SUITS ME JUST FINE!



AND SO, AFTER CLASS...

POOR PARKER! THIS IS ONE TIME YOU COULDN'T GET OUT OF A FIGHT, HUH?

WELL, DON'T WORRY, STRINGBEAN! IT WON'T LAST LONG! YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT YOU!

THE ONLY THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS BEING ABLE TO PULL MY PUNCHES ENOUGH SO I DON'T REALLY CLOSER THAT BAG OF WIND! IDENTITY ON IT!



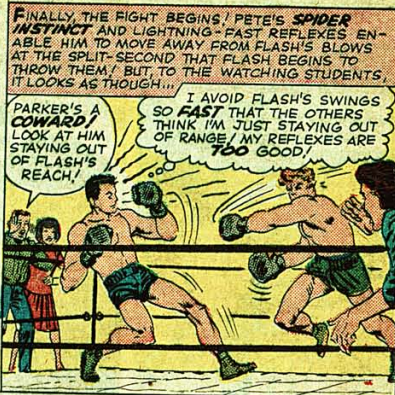
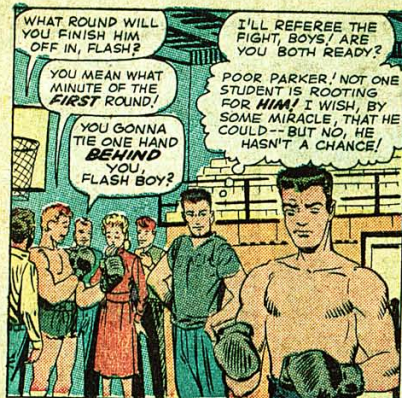
ANYWAY, EVERYONE FORGOT ABOUT THE PAPER WITH SPIDER-MAN'S IDENTITY ON IT!

DON'T END IT TOO SOON, FLASH BOY! GIVE US A LITTLE SNOW, HUH?



DON'T WORRY! IT'S TAKEN MONTHS TO GET PARKER TO AGREE TO FIGHT! AFTER WAITING SO LONG, I WANNA REALLY ENJOY THIS!

DON'T BE TOO ROUGH ON HIM, FLASH! HE CAN'T HELP IT IF HE'S NOT THE HE-MAN YOU ARE!



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BUT THERE IS ONE MAN WHO IS NOT WATCHING THE FIGHT...

WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU TWO GOING WITH THE BRAIN??

IT'S PETTY! WE'VE GOT TO SHUT HIM UP, FAST!

THERE! BY THE TIME HE WAKES UP, WE'LL BE GONE!

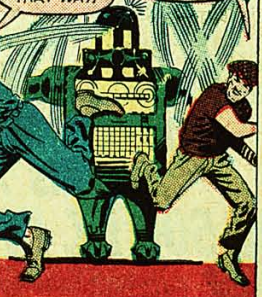
HEY-- LOOK OUT! YOU MADE ME BUMP INTO THE BRAIN'S CONTROL PANEL!



OH NO! I MUST HAVE SHORT-CIRCUITED IT! LOOK-- IT'S MOVING BY ITSELF! IT-IT NEVER DID THAT BEFORE!

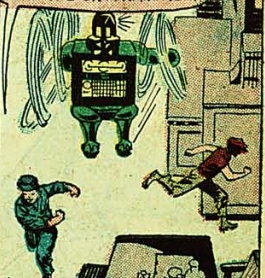
WE CAN'T STOP IT! CAN'T GET NEAR IT WHILE ITS ARMS ARE SWINGIN' THAT WAY!

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN NOW! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE-- WHILE WE CAN!



IT KEEPS BLOCKING THE EXITS! I'D SWEAR IT DOESN'T WANT US TO LEAVE!

WITH ITS STRENGTH, AND ITS INTELLIGENCE, NOTHING CAN STOP IT IF IT'S ON A RAMPAGE!

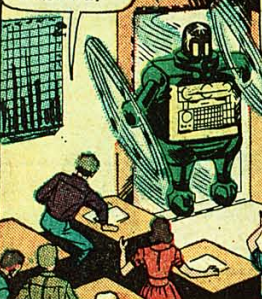


BUT SUDDENLY, THE LIVING BRAIN TAKES A RANDOM TURN, AND...

LOOK! IT-IT'S THE GIANT COMPUTING MACHINE!

BUT NOBODY'S CONTROLLING IT!

IT'S RUNNING WILD! STAY CLEAR OF THOSE SWINGING ARMS!



WHILE IN THE GYM BELOW, THE FIGHT GOES ON...

COME ON, FLASH BOY! YOU'VE CARRIED HIM LONG ENOUGH! GIVE HIM THE OL' ONE-TWO NOW!

NOW, LET ME PROLONG THE AGONY A LITTLE LONGER! I'M TRYING TO FINISH HIM OFF, BUT I CAN'T! I DON'T GET IT-- HE DODGES EVERY PUNCH WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!

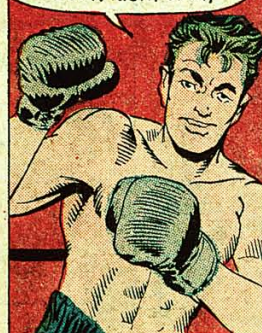
OKAY, LOUD MOUTH! THE FUN'S OVER! NOW YOU'RE GONNA LEARN A LESSON YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!



I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT HOW TO HIT HIM WITHOUT SPLATTERING HIM ALL OVER THE GYM! I'LL JUST SWAT HIM BY FLIPPING MY WRIST INSTEAD OF MY WHOLE ARM!



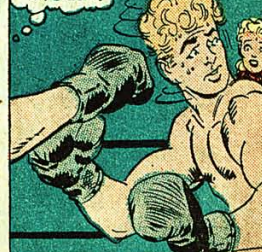
HERE IT COMES, FLASH! NOW SMILE-- I WANT TO REMEMBER YOU AS YOU LOOK RIGHT NOW!



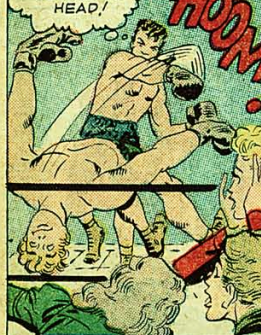
BUT JUST THEN, A FRANTIC CRY RINGS OUT... AND FLASH AUTOMATICALLY TURNS HIS HEAD IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SOUND!

HELP! THE BRAIN IS OUT OF CONTROL! HELP!

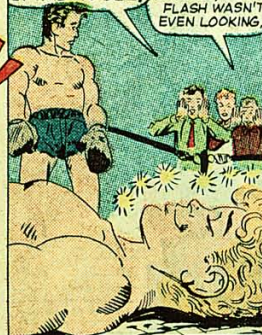
CAN'T STOP MY BLOW!



THAT DID IT! B-BUT IF ONLY HE HADN'T TURNED HIS HEAD!



BOOOO! YOU HIT HIM WHEN HIS HEAD WAS TURNED! IT WAS A FOUL!



AT THAT MOMENT...

MR. PETTY! WHERE'S MR. PETTY?? HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO ANYTHING!



I'LL BRING FLASH TO THE LOCKER ROOM! HE'LL BE OKAY-- JUST HAD THE WIND KNOCKED OUT OF HIM!



EXACTLY THIRTY SECONDS LATER...

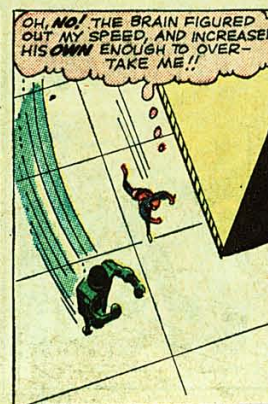
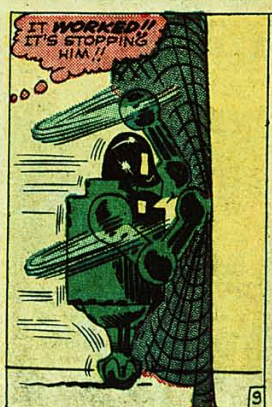
I DON'T SEE HOW THE BRAIN COULD GO OUT OF CONTROL -- UNLESS IT WAS TAMPERED WITH!



ANYWAY, HOW CAN AN ELECTRONIC THINKING MACHINE CAUSE SUCH ALARM? I'M SURE IT'S JUST--

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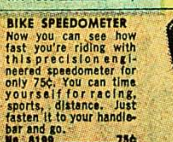
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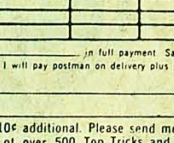
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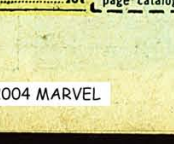
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IT'S GONE! THINKS IT FINISHED ME OFF, BUT I'LL HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME!

THE BRAIN NEVER FORGETS! ONCE IT SEES ME AGAIN, IT'LL REALIZE THE EXTENT OF MY STRENGTH, AND IT WILL FIGHT HARDER THAN EVER.



BUT, SUDDENLY... NOW'S OUR CHANCE! THE BRAIN IS GONE! LET'S CLEAR OUT OF HERE!



AHHH... SO THAT'S IT!

YEAH, BEFORE ANYONE REALIZES *WE* CAUSED ALL THE TROUBLE BY MESSING UP ITS CONTROLS WHEN WE TRIED TO STEAL IT!

I *KNEW* THE BRAIN COULDN'T HAVE BECOME A MENACE BY *ITSELF*! BUT MY *FIRST* JOB IS STILL TO FIND IT, AND RENDER IT HARMLESS!



IF I COULD ONLY FIND A WAY TO REACH ITS CONTROL PANEL, MAYBE I COULD FIGURE OUT...

THAT NOISE DOWN THE HALL! IT MUST BE STRAIGHT AHEAD!



HE--CAUGHT ME! HE CAN MOVE FASTER THAN I SUSPECTED!



HE THINKS SO FAST THAT HE CAN ACTUALLY *SECOND-GUESS* MY ACTIONS!

AND HIS ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS CAN ADJUST HIS MECHANICAL BODY AS FAST AS HE CAN THINK!

WHEN I EXERT MORE PRESSURE, HE AUTOMATICALLY INCREASES HIS OWN POWER TO NULLIFY MINE!

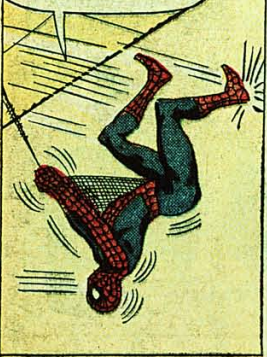


THEN, THE LIVING BRAIN SUDDENLY SPINS SPIDER-MAN AROUND AND RELEASES HIM, IN AN EFFORT TO DASH HIM AGAINST THE WALL!



HE REALIZES MY STRENGTH NOW! HE'S TAKING NO CHANCES WITH ME!

AND NOW, I'M IN MY OWN ELEMENT!



BUT THE MASKED TEEN-AGER SAVES HIMSELF BY A LIGHTNING-FAST MANEUVER...

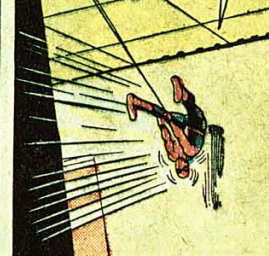


GOOD THING I LOADED MY VIAL WITH ENOUGH WEB FLUID THIS MORNING!

BETTER CLING TO THE CEILING WHILE I PLAN MY NEXT MOVE!



GOOD OL' TRUSTY WEB! IT *HELPED*! STOPPED ME FROM HITTING THE WALL!



LUCKILY, I'M JUST OUT OF HIS REACH!

BUT I CAN'T STAY UP HERE FOREVER!



SAY, WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO NOW??

HOLY SMOKE! I'LL SAY HE CAN THINK! HE'S TRYING TO DISLodge ME BY HITTING THE WALLS!



AND HE'S USING THAT DOOR LIKE FLY-SWATTER!



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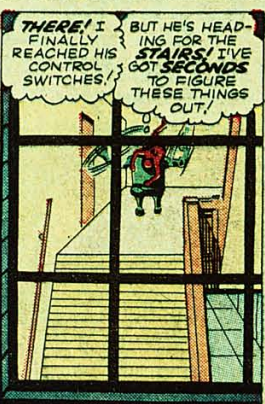
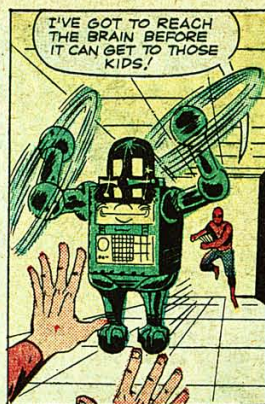
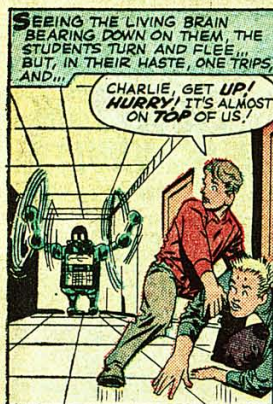
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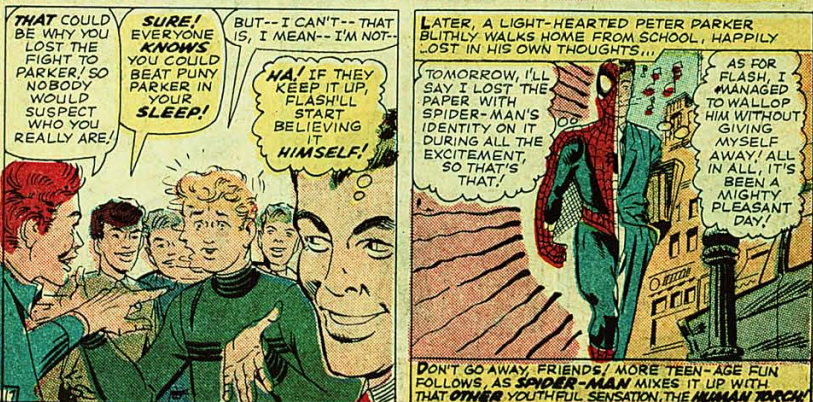
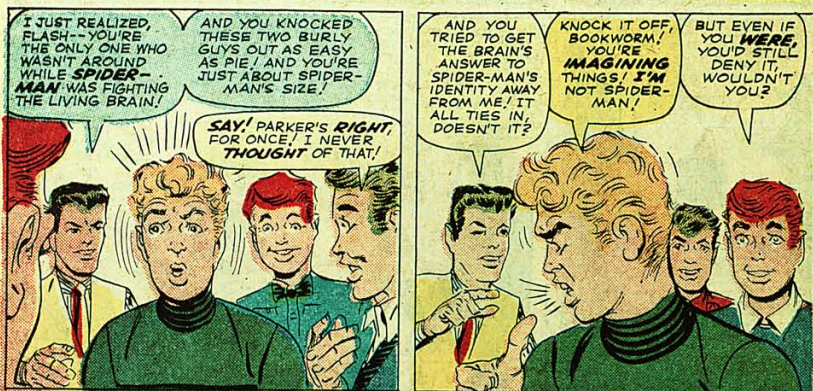
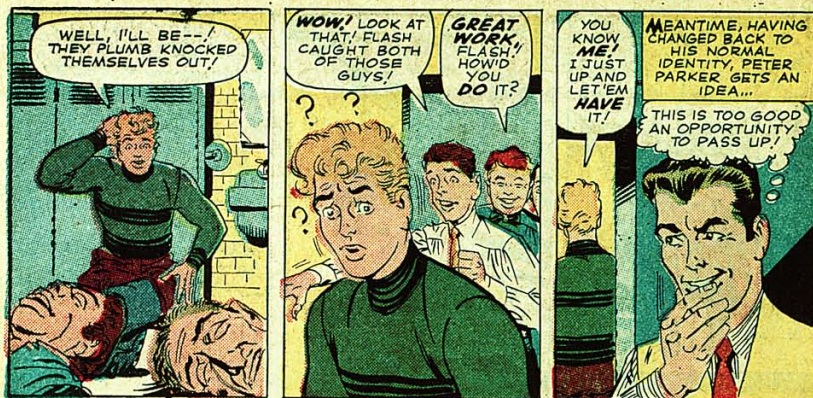
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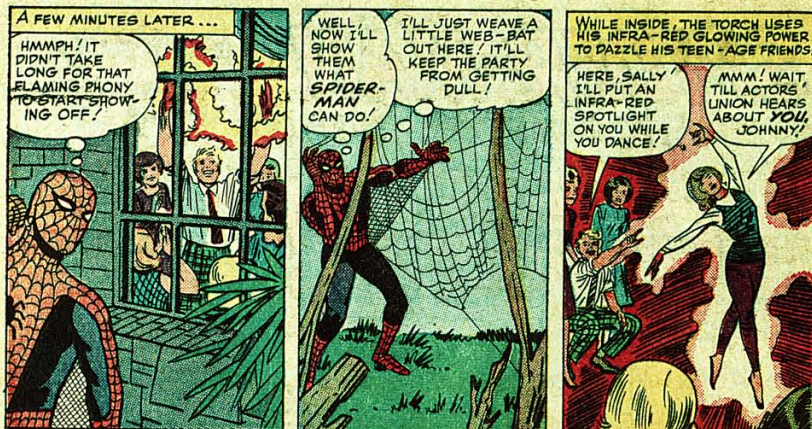
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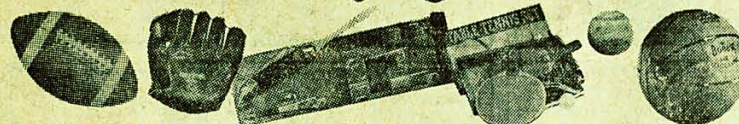
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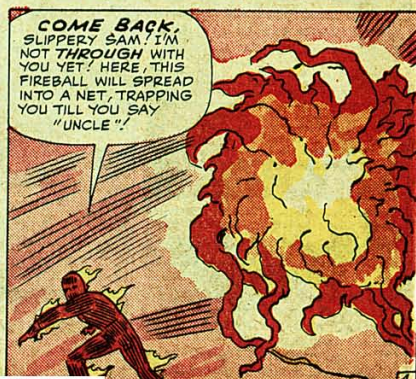
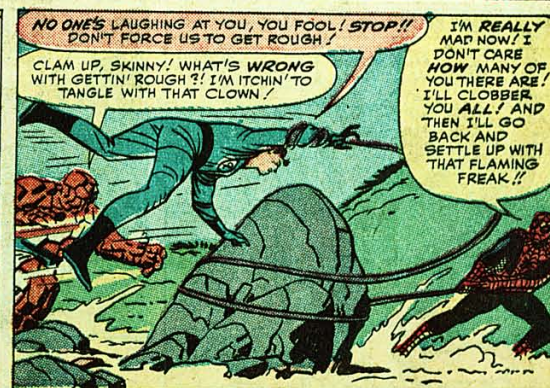
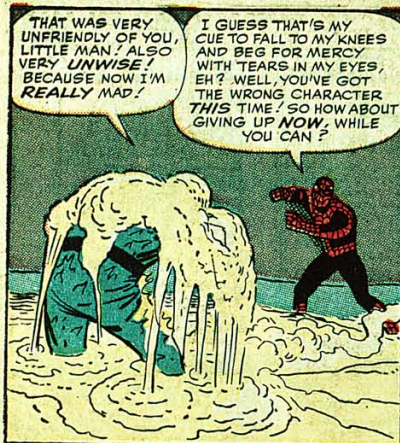
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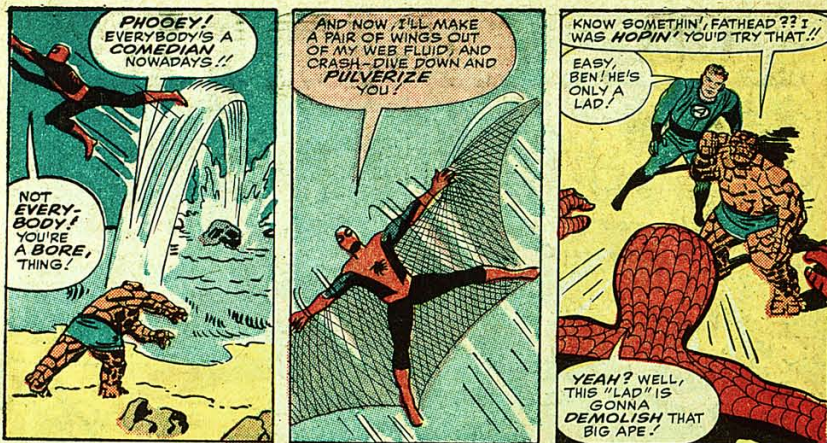
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Dear Stan and Steve,

Great—that's putting it mildly! SPIDER-MAN #5 has topped all previous issues. At first I thought Spider-Man was going to be a plain, dime-a-dozen crimefighter, but instead you made him into a really fabulous hero. In all your comics you have started something new that will last forever. SPIDER-MAN is well taken by the readers because of his originality! You appear to be starting something between Pete and Jameson's secretary Betty! Keep it going, but don't destroy Spider-Man by giving him a big romance—let it stay the way it is. Your writing style is great, great, great—and that's not whistling Dixie! Keep guest appearances coming and when you do make them full-length stories, this gives plenty of room and a worthwhile story. I thought that the X-MEN were great but please change them a bit as they are a little too much like the FF—otherwise—OK. THE AVENGERS were great—the plot was something, having Thor pursue the villain while Giant-Man and Iron Man try to get the Hulk. One thing—drop Ant-Man's partner, the Wasp—two bugs are one too many!

Bob Churchill
3663 Hilaire Way
Seaford, N. Y.

The fans have FINALLY stopped asking that Invisible Girl be dropped from FANTASTIC FOUR ... and now YOU'RE starting with the Wasp! C'mon, Bobby boy, don't be a fanatic!

Dear Stan and Steve,

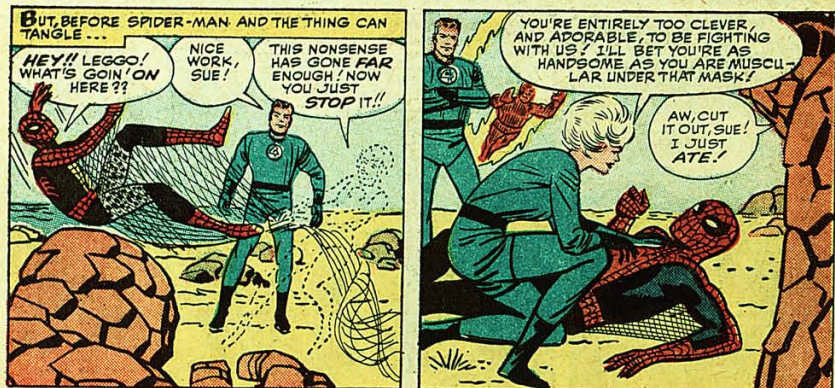
I was just reading the current SPIDER'S WEB when I read a very interesting letter. It was about dropping the word 'Amazing' from the title of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Personally, I think it gives your mag class. That Larry Brown doesn't know what he's talking about! As the Thing would put it, "He's got rocks in his head or something!" Your mag is really 'hairy.' Keep up the good work!

Phil Montoya
231 Glosston St.
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

So the word AMAZING gives us class, eh, Phil?? Smilin' Stevie Ditko will be sorry to hear that! We'll expect him to wear SHOES from now on when he visits the office!

Dear Stan and Steve,

In the STRANGE TALES ANNUAL the Spider-Man vs. Torch story was simply terrific. Kirby did a commendable penciling job, but even with Ditko inking, it didn't come out quite as Spider-Man could be and as only Ditko could draw him. The story was engrossing from the first to the last panel. In the '40's we had the Torch vs. Namor battles. It's now my hope that the '60's will see a series of Torch vs. Spider-Man battles. Keep Spider-Man in a situation similar to that in the story of the Annual. "Is Spider-Man friend or foe, good or bad?" keep that idea going. Without a doubt MARVEL COMICS are bringing about the MARVEL AGE OF COMICS. Your great ability and willingness to try something new has accomplished this and you should be complimented for it. You've forged ahead and taken an undisputed lead. With X-MEN, THE AVENGERS, a possible return of Captain America, and other things equally exciting, the MARVEL AGE OF COMICS may well be ushering in a new GOLDEN



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AGE OF COMICS. In closing may I suggest you locate a few more talented artists and writers to add to your already talented staff. After all you're only human and humans can only do so much work in so much time. I'd hate to see a shortage in artists and writers prevent you from realizing your full capabilities. Best of luck on all your many fine creations!

Buddy Saunders
1605 Joyce
Arlington, Texas

Appreciate your interesting comments, Buddy. As for your final suggestion, we've discussed that on the letters page of the current FANTASTIC FOUR (#22), so we don't want to repeat ourselves here. (We're not only loveable, we're lazy!)

Dear Stan and Steve,

I have all five of the SPIDER-MAN magazines. I am proud to say that I enjoy them very much! Both of my parents have read them and they think that they are good and are not as childish as the other comics they have read. I think there is only one mistake you have made in your mag—you play up radiation too much! Spider-Man got his powers because of it. Dr. Octopus had his false arms attached to his body because of it. Sandman got his power because of it, and who is going to be next? Other than this, your comic is great!

Kevin R. McDonald
112-22 68 Dr.
Forest Hills 75, N. Y.

We hope you fans don't make a big thing of this anti-radiation jazz, Kevin! Heck, how would we write comic mag stories without it??

Dear Stan and Steve,

The topic of this letter is so unimportant that after reading the second line you may not even bother to finish it. But, in all honesty, did you ever stop to think of the purpose of Spider-Man's mask? Actually, it is unique and has something no other hero's mask has. Give up? Well, before I tell you, I must ask one more question. Did you ever wonder how other characters managed to keep their secret identity while their voice would be a dead give-away? Spider-Man doesn't have that problem. Because his mask has no openings except for the eyes, his voice is muffled and his secret is kept a secret! (I should have warned you—I have insider information.)

Peter Parker
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Everybody seems to know more about Spidey than WE do! We always thought the mask was just to protect him from drafts, because he has sinus trouble! Oh well, as Aunt May might say: Live and learn!

Dear Stan and Steve,

We, at the Comic Storehouse, have picked Stan Lee and Steve Ditko as the best writer-artist pair of 1963!

Ed Corbett
Comic Storehouse
145 Sanford St.
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And we, at the Marvel sweatshop, congratulate the Comic Storehouse (whatever it is!) on showing such good taste! Noblesse Oblige, Ed!

Dear Stan and Steve,

The main purpose of my letter is to congratulate you on such a fine character—I'm talking about Spider-Man. I have all five issues and will have #6 next month. I think that so far #5 is the greatest. Old Doc Doom never had it so tough! But just once I'd like to see Pete Parker sock Flash Thompson. In #1, page 2, panel 1 you show Pete saying, "My Spider-Man costume! I wish there were no such thing!" Really! If I had his powers I'd be bubbling with joy—and I think almost anybody else would, too.

Joe Campbell
3045 N. 48 Ave.
Phoenix 31, Ariz.

Okay, Joe, you convinced us! Now, as soon as we learn how to draw a fella bubbling with joy...!

Dear Stan and Steve,

Your latest and greatest creation AMAZING SPIDER-MAN has surpassed anything I've ever seen hit the stands! The element of conflict has been developed to such a degree that I just can't wait for the next issue. Each time you come out with the most interesting villains, depicted by Steve Ditko, who is the one and only man who can do such a job. Everything about Spider-Man must be discussed in the superlative. However, there is one thing that bothers me about Spider-Man. He may, in due season, become "just another hero." You may call me a pessimist, but I've seen it happen before and it can happen again. Some things that could wreck the mag are the elimination of the problem J. J. Jameson is creating all of a sudden. I wouldn't mind his elimination, but it would be better if the problem were dealt with gradually; another thing: if he joins the F.F., he may have the spotlight taken off him... more guest appearances in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN by the Fantastic Four, for instance; also; he may be given more powers, a female counterpart, and who knows what. You see, I'm very worried about what will happen to my now favorite mag. And, oh yes... thanks a lot for making AMAZING SPIDER-MAN a monthly comic. Rest assured that it is appreciated.

Doug Storer,
2709 State St.
Butte, Montana

We appreciate your appreciation, Doug! But let's not worry about all the things that may spoil ol' Spidey in the future... we've got enough problems with him right NOW! (Like having to draw that blamed web under his arms all the time!!)



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

Well, we still have all this space to fill, so we'll have to find SOMETHING to announce! Okay then, let's see—what's taking place of late around the Marvel bullpen?

- A lot of fans thought we were nuts when we introduced a WAR mag, of all things, at the beginning of this year! Well, it looks as though we were as dumb as foxes! For, SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS seems to be a real surprise success! (We call it a "surprise!" success because nobody is more surprised than WE!) Anyway, next ish (#5, on sale soon) features a truly fascinating villain—Baron Strucker, the most dangerous Nazi of all if you haven't yet met Sgt. Fury and his howlers, try to get this ish and see what the shouting's all about!
- By the way, one of the letters we recently received said "I hate to congratulate you on your mags because you do such a good job of congratulating YOURSELVES!" Perhaps we do boast a little too

much—and we hope you'll forgive us—but honestly, we're just so darn enthusiastic about our features, and we like to think that YOU are, too!

- Have you seen our new series in TALES TO ASTONISH, entitled "The Wasp Tells A Tale"? It's a little extra we dreamed up, and we're anxious to know your reaction to it. It'll be a steady monthly feature until you yell "Uncle!"
- Don't miss all the great guest stars in TALES OF SUSPENSE #49 (on sale now). You'll see The Angel (from our new fantasy-team mag, X-MEN), the ever-lovin' FANTASTIC FOUR, and if you look real fast, you'll even spot Spidey, the old web-spinner, himself! Guess we shouldn't forget to mention that the NEW Iron Man is the star! What's new about him? See for yourself!
- And how about our other new feature, Tales of Asgard? (appearing monthly in JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY). The Mighty Thor has caused so much interest in the legends of Asgard that we decided to devote a story per ish to the fabled doings of the mythical immortals! Now don't be party poops and keep us waiting too long for your comments, huh?
- Stop the presses! The results are in on our "Should we keep the word AMAZING in our title?" poll! More than twenty times as many letters favored KEEPING the word than dropping it! So the literary world can now rest easy! The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN he is—and the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN he shall REMAIN!
- Okay! We read all your letters and did what you asked! We made Dr. Strange the second feature of STRANGE TALES! (Co-starring with the teen-ager who tops Spider-Man's hate list—the Human Torch). We've stretched the Doc's stories to eight pages, and knocked ourselves out to present as much black magic as possible! So don't just SIT there—go BUY a few dozen copies!
- Now for our newbies—The AVENGERS looks like a sure-fire hit, judging by the letters we've received so far—but we kind of expected that! However, X-MEN is gonna be a problem! Hundreds of you have written saying it's even better than SPIDER-MAN or the FF! But, a few dozen have commented that they'd even prefer MILLIE THE MODEL! It seems that those of you who like it LOVE it—but those who dislike it LOATHE it! We'll keep you posted on the final results but if you want OUR opinion—confidentially—we think it's destined to become one of the great comic mags of all time! We'd say more—but as you know, we hate to brag!
- For those of you who missed the every first issue of the FANTASTIC FOUR (shame on you!), here's your chance to see the first few they ever fought in action against! The current ish features The Return of the Mole Man! We recommend it highly—but as you know, we're somewhat prejudiced!
- By next ish we'll have your verdict all tabulated on whether or not to continue our Spider-Man letters page! But, till then, keep readin', keep writin' (we almost said "keep 'rhythmic!") and keep believin' as loyal and as critical as you are! We don't know whether we have the MOST fans or not, but we sure as shootin' have the BEST!
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